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### MEDICAL INSPECTION IN SCHOOLS.

The "Better Babies" contest which was held at the Industrial Institute and College yesterday meant something more than a mere exhibition of the bauty and charms of the infants entered therein, as it marked the inauguration of a campaign for medical inspection in the public schools of Columbus and for greater local interest in the child welfare movement generally.

Medical inspection in public schools is something that has long been needed here, and the fact that a new high school building is soon to be erected makes the time to inaugurate a campaign in that direction most opportune. By such an inspection defective vision, minor diseases of the ear and nose and many other physical ailments common among adolescents can easily be detected and corrected, thus saving parents much expense and the children themselves a great deal of unnecessary pain and suffering.

The expense of the proposed medical inspection will in all likelihood be trivial, as in most small cities where the custom has been introduced leading physicians have volunteered to do the work free of charge, and as local medical men are noted for their civic pride and devotion to public duty they will doubtless be glad to follow the lead of their brethren in other places and make the necessary inspection without demanding financial compensation either from the municipality or from parents of children who are the beneficiaries of their labor.

The inauguration of medical inspection in the local public schools will not only be a long step forward in the march of civic progress but will prove a boon to the children of the community, and the Commercial sincerely hopes that the efforts in that direction now being made by Miss Hay and her associates will be crowned with success.

### A DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

Democracy gained a notable victory last Tuesday, when Col. Ruffin G. Pleasant, Democratic candidate for governor of Louisiana, defeated his Bull Moose opponent, Hon. John M. Parker, by a majority of something like 25,000 votes.

The outcome of the contest was awaited with interest not only throughout Louisiana but in neighboring states, as the election of Mr. Parker would have broken the "Solid South" and thus would have served as an opening wedge for the Republicans, who for many years past have been strenuously endeavoring to carry at least one southern state in a national election.

Their hopes along this line turned toward Tennessee several years ago, when that state elected a Republican governor, but as the subsequent national election the Democrats fell back into line, and President Wilson carried the state by an overwhelming majority. Their eyes then turned toward Louisiana, and Mr. Parker, a prominent member of the Bull Moose party, which is very close kin to the Republican organization, was selected to make the race for governor against Col. Pleasant. Mr. Parker is not only a very wealthy and very popular man but enjoys the close personal friendship of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, and had the benefit of counsel and advice from that astute politician during the recent campaign. He had also the support of several of Louisiana's most influential newspapers, but the Democrats remained true to their colors, and Col. Pleasant won a glorious victory.

Had Mr. Parker been elected the Republicans would undoubtedly have made an effort to carry the state in the coming presidential election, but the result has shown them that Dixie is Democratic to the core, and it is not likely that any future effort will be made to break the "Solid South."

Here's congratulations to the candidates who were successful in Tuesday's municipal election and here also is an expression of the hope that those who were defeated will not feel too much aggrieved.

### THE "OLD BOARD" ENDORSED.

Results in the recent municipal primary serve to furnish a complete and unqualified endorsement of what is familiarly known as the "old board," every member of the present city council who offered for re-election having won out by a decisive majority.

Mr. Steen, the present councilman from the sixth ward, declined to stand for re-election, while Mr. Weaver, who for more than a quarter of a century has represented the first ward on the board, and Mr. Stevens, his colleague from the second ward, had no opposition, and in accordance with the provisions of the code, were declared the nominees by the City Democratic Executive Committee. Three candidates, however, Mr. Vaughan of the third ward, Mr. McClanahan of the fourth ward, and Mr. Harris of the fifth, were vigorously opposed, and all three defeated the candidates who were pitted against them.

Nearly all of the prominent members of the board have been in office a long time, and their actions in various matters and on sundry occasions have been criticized. This, however, is but natural, as it is impossible to please all the people all the time, and any man who remains in public life for any extended period necessarily offends some of his constituents and incurs their enmity to such an extent that they feel impelled to fight him whenever election time approaches.

That the people as a whole, however, emphatically endorse the "old board" is evinced in the results of the primary held last Tuesday. The members of this board are all sagacious, conscientious business men, men who own property in Columbus, who are prominent in financial circles and who have at heart the best interests of the city and her people. They have managed the affairs of the municipality faithfully and well, and local citizens have given unmistakable proof of confidence both in their ability and in their integrity by re-electing them.

### DOES WILSON FEAR WAR?

Does President Wilson entertain grave fears that the United States may soon be involved in a war with Germany?

This question is being asked by various newspapers throughout the country, and statements recently sent out from the White House indicate that this fear is weighing heavily upon the mind of the nation's Chief Executive. He has recently sent a note to Germany in which he emphatically states that unless she ceases her submarine warfare diplomatic relations with this country must be severed, and this looks very much like war between the two nations impends.

During the recent past President Wilson has delivered two speeches in which he indicated his fear of war and asked his hearers if they were ready for the threatening struggle. His utterances on these two occasions follow:

"Are you ready for the test?" the President asked his hearers last week at a Jefferson day celebration. "God forbid that we should ever become directly or indirectly embroiled in quarrels not of our own choosing, and do not affect what we feel responsible to defend, but if we should ever be drawn in, are you ready to go in only where the interests of America are coincident with the interests of mankind, and draw out the moment the interest centers in America and is narrowed from the wide circle of humanity?"

"Are you ready for the test? Have you the courage to go in? Have you the courage to come out according as the balances disturbed are re-adjusted for the interests of humanity?" Later before the Daughters of the American Revolution the President declared:

"America will have forgotten her traditions whenever, upon any occasion, she fights merely for herself under such circumstances as will show that she has forgotten to fight for all mankind. And the only excuse that America can ever have for the assertion of her physical force is that she asserts it in the interest of humanity."

After painstaking investigation the department of commerce has ascertained that the custom of wearing detached collars was established in 1835, and appearances indicate that some men we know haven't changed their neck-pieces since that date.

It is to be hoped that the letters V. L. S. E., which serve as a trade-mark for a well known moving picture producing concern, don't mean "Very little satisfaction ever."

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Congress.  
GUY W. MITCHELL  
E. R. CANDLER  
JAS. A. CUNNINGHAM

For Mayor.  
W. C. GUNTER  
E. B. DONNELL

### Resolutions of the Columbus Bar on the Death of Mrs. John G. Carroll.

Word having reached the court room this morning of the sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. Narcissa Williams Carroll, of Starkville, Mississippi, mother of Judge T. B. Carroll, presiding judge of this, the Sixteenth Judicial District of the State of Mississippi, thereby necessitating a suspension of court routine business and the departure of the judge for his home in Starkville, the members of the local bar and the court officials immediately thereafter held a meeting and, on motion, a committee of three members was appointed to draft suitable resolutions touching the life and character of the lamented deceased, pursuant to which appointment the committee presents the following resolutions:

Whereas, We have received with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Mrs. Narcissa Williams Carroll, widow of the late Dr. John G. Carroll, of Starkville, Mississippi, and mother of our esteemed and honored presiding judge, we, the members of the Lowndes County Bar and the officers of the Circuit Court of said county, desire, in token of respect for her memory and of our esteem and affection for her son, to adopt and place on record the following:

Resolved, That the sturdy love of truth, her zeal for the interests of Christian religion and of the church (Baptist) of which the deceased was and had been a consistent member since girlhood, her parental wisdom and plain spoken candor, claims our admiration and esteem.

Resolved, That as a mark of our respect, we tender our sympathies to her bereaved family, and commend them to the words of comfort contained in the Holy Book.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon a page of the minutes of this court, exclusively devoted thereto, and upon the minutes of the Lowndes County Bar, that copies thereof be furnished the city papers, likewise a copy of the Starkville News, and a copy be forwarded to the bereaved family of the deceased.

April 19, 1916.

E. T. SYKES,  
JAMES T. HARRISON,  
JOHN F. FRIERSON,  
Committee.

### Clean-up Week a Success.

The reports of the various committees made at a recent meeting of the Civic Improvement League concerning the progress of the Clean-up Campaign was extremely encouraging. The committees on the requirements of the State Board of Health concerning the various meat, food, milk and drink dealers reported that they were cordially received and the hearty cooperation of these people was promised.

The reports on the sanitary condition of the schools was regarded as the best one made. The schools are in excellent condition, about as good as they can be made with the present equipment. Special mention was made of the Union Academy, and it's splendidly clean condition was commented on, the committee going as far as to say it is the cleanest school in the city.

On the whole, the reports were most encouraging. Several vacant lots and houses were commented on. Open ditches came in for severe criticism and a few unusually bad places were noted.

The League is enthusiastic and will push the Clean-up Campaign right up to May 6th, the closing date of the contest.

This city owes these good women who have worked so faithfully and so generously, a debt of gratitude for what they have already accomplished and if they succeed in bringing their plans to full accomplishment, then the city will be cleaner and more sanitary than it has ever been and to them will be due all the credit.

### Notice to Creditors.

The State of Mississippi,  
Lowndes County.

Letters of testamentary having been granted and issued to the undersigned upon the estate of Mrs. Sophie Goodwin Buder, deceased, by the Chancery Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi, on the 29th day of February, A. D. 1916.

This is to give notice to all persons having claims against said estate to Probate and Register same with the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County within one year from this date. A failure to so probate and register said claim will forever bar the same.

CHARLES C. BUDER,  
Executor.

This March 4th, 1916.

WANTED—Wagons to haul stave timber from my place to Bent Oak, 3 1/2 miles. Apply at once to T. R. Dashiell, R. F. D. 1, Box 30, Columbus, Miss.

### Eggs Well Preserved.

On February 12 six eggs were treated with Fleming's Egg Preserver to test its value and were placed in the vault of the First State Bank.

Mr. F. E. Cockrell, of Memphis, representing the Fleming Egg Preserver Company, was in the city Tuesday for the purpose of supervising and taking open the eggs that were stored away during February. Of the six that were treated four were opened and were found by Mr. Cockrell and a committee of local citizens to be in the best condition, proving the worth of the preserver. Two of the six eggs were placed back in the vault at the bank and will be opened at a later date.

"In fact, all persons or concerns who buy or sell eggs in any quantity will be tremendously benefitted by this preserver," said Mr. Cockrell. "The large user of eggs can preserve his supply in the summer against the certain high prices prevailing in the fall and winter, while the egg producer can preserve his supply when eggs are plentiful until the prices have risen to where they will net him the necessary profit."

Georgette Crape, Chiffon, Crepe de Chine in all colors, at Lipsey and Chapsky's.

### How Quickly We Forget!

Commenting upon the strained relations between Germany and the United States, and the withdrawal of ambassadors without war, the declaration is made that such a condition was never known but once, and that is the present status quo between Italy and Germany. This is an error. Sometime ago Sulzer, of New York, then a member of Congress, introduced a resolution there seriously reflecting upon and condemning Russia, for the harsh and inhuman treatment of Jews. Russia took umbrage and resented it by giving the American ambassador his passport and withdrawing her own. That condition existed for years and yet there was no war.

W. D. H.

### "The Man from Home."

The Senior class of the Industrial Institute and College will give Booth Tarkington's "The Man from Home" in the college chapel on Monday night, April 24th. Miss Emma Ody Pohl is staging the play. Admission 25 cents, reserved seats, 50 cents, on sale at Street's drug store.

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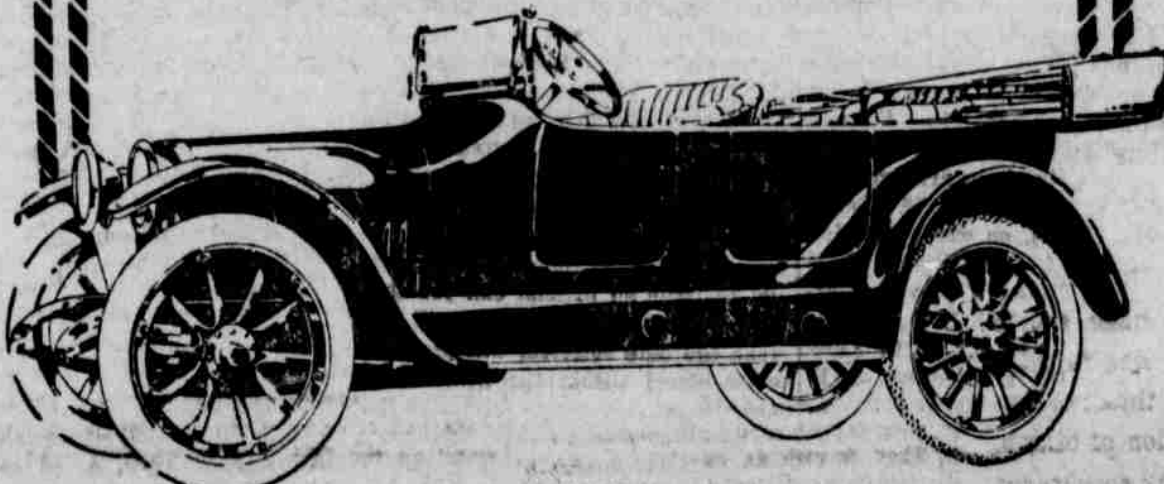
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